

Subject: Coin collection--California gold pieces--
disposal of.

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[Stockton, CA]

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American Numismatic Society.

Gentlemen

Your name was sent to me from the Mint in Philadelphia. I have a collection of early California coins which I have had for several years. These are gold coins from \$3.00 to \$50.00 'plugs' as they were called in early days.

Also have a \$20.00, 1849 ~~it~~ it is not a California coin. This 20th I am told is very rare. Could you give me any information in regard to these coin value, etc.

Have a premium catalog put out by the Numismatic Company of Texas. But living in California I don't know much about Texas companies. Would you be so kind as to give some information on this subject.

Thanking you for your troubles.

Sincerely

Myrna H. Lease
20 W. Elm St.
Stockton, Calif.

Aug. 25th 1931

September 2, 1931.

Wyma H. Lease
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Dear Sir:

You probably have some rare coins, but no one can tell you much about them without seeing them. If you care to send them on to this Museum we could tell you what you could probably get for them.

There were about twenty different \$5.00 gold pieces made in California and about the same number of \$10.00 and there were easily a dozen different kinds of \$50.00 slugs. The condition also would play some part in the price. Your \$20.00 1849 gold piece may or may not be rare. I can tell you nothing about this without seeing it. As I stated before, if you care to send these on we will be glad to do what we can for you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator